

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method comprising:  
2 retrieving an infrastructure configuration profile;  
3 retrieving an adhoc configuration profile;  
4 establishing an infrastructure network connection  
5 corresponding to the infrastructure configuration  
6 profile using a wireless device; and  
7 maintaining the infrastructure network connection  
8 while concurrently communicating over an adhoc network  
9 corresponding to the adhoc configuration profile using  
10 the wireless device.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
2 setting a watchdog timer;  
3 selecting an infrastructure mode, the infrastructure  
4 mode corresponding to the infrastructure configuration  
5 profile;  
6 detecting the expiration of the watchdog timer;  
7 deselecting the infrastructure mode in response to the  
8 detecting; and  
9 selecting an adhoc mode, the adhoc mode corresponding  
10 to the adhoc configuration profile.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2 further comprising:  
2 using an infrastructure device driver to maintain the  
3 infrastructure network connection while in  
4 infrastructure mode;

5       using an adhoc device driver to communicate over the  
6       adhoc network while in adhoc mode;  
7       using a code shim as an infrastructure virtual device  
8       driver while in adhoc mode; and  
9       using the code shim as an adhoc virtual device driver  
10      while in infrastructure mode.

1    4.   The method of claim 1 wherein communicating over the  
2       adhoc network is performed while the wireless device's  
3       infrastructure network connection is idle.

1    5.   The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
2       retrieving a configuration mode bit; and  
3       identifying that the configuration bit corresponds to  
4       a dual mode.

1    6.   The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
2       polling a plurality of device drivers;  
3       identifying that one of the plurality of device  
4       drivers is in a ready state in response to the  
5       polling; and  
6       using the identified device driver to transfer data.

1    7.   The method as described in claim 6 wherein the  
2       identified device driver is selected from the group  
3       consisting of an infrastructure device driver and an  
4       adhoc device driver.

1    8.   An information handling system comprising:  
2       one or more processors;

3 a memory accessible by the processors;  
4 one or more nonvolatile storage devices accessible by  
5 the processors; and

6 a wireless communication tool for concurrently  
7 communicating with a plurality of wireless networks,  
8 the wireless communication tool comprising software  
9 code effective to:

10 retrieve an infrastructure configuration  
11 profile from one of the nonvolatile storage  
12 devices;

13 retrieve an adhoc configuration profile from  
14 one of the nonvolatile storage devices;

15 establish an infrastructure network  
16 connection corresponding to the  
17 infrastructure configuration profile using a  
18 wireless device; and

19 maintain the infrastructure network  
20 connection while concurrently communicating  
21 over an adhoc network corresponding to the  
22 adhoc configuration profile using the  
23 wireless device.

1 9. The information handling system of claim 8 wherein the  
2 software code is further effective to:

3 set a watchdog timer;

4 select an infrastructure mode, the infrastructure mode  
5 corresponding to the infrastructure configuration  
6 profile;

7 detect the expiration of the watchdog timer;  
8 deselect the infrastructure mode in response to the  
9 detecting; and  
10 select an adhoc mode, the adhoc mode corresponding to  
11 the adhoc configuration profile.

1 10. The information handling system of claim 9 wherein the  
2 software code is further effective to:  
3 use an infrastructure device driver to maintain the  
4 infrastructure network connection while in  
5 infrastructure mode;  
6 use an adhoc device driver to communicate over the  
7 adhoc network while in adhoc mode;  
8 use a code shim as an infrastructure virtual device  
9 driver while in adhoc mode; and  
10 use the code shim as an adhoc virtual device driver  
11 while in infrastructure mode.

1 11. The information handling system of claim 8 wherein  
2 communicating over the adhoc network is performed  
3 while the wireless device's infrastructure network  
4 connection is idle.

1 12. The information handling system of claim 8 wherein the  
2 software code is further effective to:  
3 retrieve a configuration mode bit from one of the  
4 nonvolatile storage devices; and  
5 identify that the configuration bit corresponds to a  
6 dual mode.

1 13. The information handling system of claim 8 wherein the  
2 software code is further effective to:  
3 poll a plurality of device drivers;  
4 identify that one of the plurality of device drivers  
5 is in a ready state in response to the polling; and  
6 use the identified device driver to transfer data.

1 14. A program product comprising:  
2 computer operable medium having computer program code,  
3 the computer program code being effective to:  
4 retrieve an infrastructure configuration  
5 profile;  
6 retrieve an adhoc configuration profile;  
7 establish an infrastructure network  
8 connection corresponding to the  
9 infrastructure configuration profile using a  
10 wireless device;  
11 maintain the infrastructure network  
12 connection while concurrently communicating  
13 over an adhoc network corresponding to the  
14 adhoc configuration profile using the  
15 device.

1 15. The program product of claim 14 wherein the software  
2 code is further effective to:  
3 set a watchdog timer;

4       select an infrastructure mode, the infrastructure mode  
5       corresponding to the infrastructure configuration  
6       profile;

7       detect the expiration of the watchdog timer;

8       deselect the infrastructure mode in response to the  
9       detecting; and

10      select an adhoc mode, the adhoc mode corresponding to  
11      the adhoc configuration profile.

1   16.   The program product of claim 15 wherein the software  
2       code is further effective to:

3       use an infrastructure device driver to maintain the  
4       infrastructure network connection while in  
5       infrastructure mode;

6       use an adhoc device driver to communicate over the  
7       adhoc network while in adhoc mode;

8       use a code shim as an infrastructure virtual device  
9       driver while in adhoc mode; and

10      use the code shim as an adhoc virtual device driver  
11      while in infrastructure mode.

1   17.   The program product of claim 14 wherein communicating  
2       over the adhoc network is performed while the wireless  
3       device's infrastructure network connection is idle.

1   18.   The program product of claim 14 wherein the software  
2       code is further effective to:

3       retrieve a configuration mode bit; and

4 identify that the configuration bit corresponds to a  
5 dual mode.

1 19. The program product of claim 14 wherein the software  
2 code is further effective to:  
3 poll a plurality of device drivers;  
4 identify that one of the plurality of device drivers  
5 is in a ready state in response to the polling; and  
6 use the identified device driver to transfer data.

1 20. The program product as described in claim 19 wherein  
2 the identified device driver is selected from the  
3 group consisting of an infrastructure device driver  
4 and an adhoc device driver.